

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 21-23, 26, 28 and 29 have been cancelled; thus claims 6-12, 16, 24, 25 and 27 remain pending. Claims 6, 11 and 24 have been amended to address minor informalities. Applicants submit the amendments place the claims in better position for appeal, and as a consequence, respectfully request that the amendments be entered.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 6, 11 and 24 stand rejected on the basis that these claims are indefinite. In response, Applicants have amended claims 6 and 24 to replace --other routers-- with “other network components,” and have amended claim 11 to replace --the router-- with “the network component.” As a consequence. Applicants submits claims 6, 11 and 24 are now clear and definite and request that this rejection be removed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 24 stands rejected on the basis that claim 24 is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, as recommended by the Examiner, Applicants have amended claim 11 to recite “a computer readable storage medium.” Thus, Applicants request that this rejection be removed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the amended claims be entered and the rejections under §§112 and 101 be removed. However, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if any question or comments arise.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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